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# A TOP-SIX LIST OF WHY WE LIKE LISTS

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

TOWARD THE END OF EACH YEAR, IT SEEMS WE ARE INUNDATED WITH LISTS.

Most popular baby names. Most popular books. Top 10 movies of the year. Top 10 new restaurants. Every newspaper and magazine has at least one. And then there are lists of the top 10 lists. (How very meta!) There's even a website devoted exclusively to top ten lists: [top10lists.net](http://top10lists.net).

Why so many lists? Editors (yours truly included) like them because they're attention-grabbing and easy to create. But why do so many readers like them?

Media psychologists offer several reasons. (And that is the educational portion of this column. Your editor wasn't familiar with the field of media psychology, and she bets that many dear readers weren't, either.)

Lists make us smarter. They provide us with a quick and easy way to remember information because they break it up into parts.

Lists predict the future ... sort of. By summarizing the past year, lists can define trends that may be important to pay attention to in the next 12 months. And by enumerating what we should remember, they may be declarations of how this time will be viewed historically.

Lists help us make sense of the world by organizing and simplifying the huge amount of information available to us in the digital age.

Lists are full of fun facts, fun things to know and tell. Some lists just naturally lead to interesting discussions. And when you don't know very much about a subject, you can often learn enough from a list to have a coherent conversation.

Lists capture cultures. An effective list delineates what matters about that subject at that point in time. They vary from culture to culture and from era to era, so they can help us understand differences.

Lists are motivational, which may be why so many are published at the end of one year and the start of the next. They can inspire us when we're making resolutions or simply plans for the new year.

In the spirit of list-making, the feature article of this issue of the Theta magazine is ... a list!

Since 1872, Thetas have gathered in convention to elect the leaders for and determine the direction of the Fraternity in the next biennium. On page 18, we offer the top 14 memories from Grand Convention 2014, from shopping in the Theta marketplace to purchasing Theta Foundation pansies to walking for CASA.

If you were with us last summer in Orlando, we hope this list will help you categorize your experiences and thus remember them more completely. If you weren't in attendance at our seventy-first Grand Convention, we hope the list will motivate you to join us in Phoenix in 2016 (Look for more information in future issues of our magazine.) and to anticipate the celebration of our sesquicentennial at Grand Convention 2020.

Elsewhere in this issue, we hope you will enjoy reading about the Fraternity's most recent service trip to New Orleans (page 29) and the Emerging Leaders Institute held in Indianapolis (page 30). We're pleased to introduce you to the 2014-15 class of educational leadership consultants (page 14), an alumna whose life has been a remarkable journey in which Theta has played a significant role (page 26), and a recent graduate whose essay on the impact of Panhellenism won first place in a national contest (page 32).

As always, we are pleased to bring you this issue, and we hope you will find much to be pleased by in it. And—whether you're intrigued by the proliferation of year-end lists or aggravated by it—we offer best wishes for 2015. ◇

**ON THE COVER:** Undeterred by an early start time, ANNA PRICE, NINA ROCHA, and MCKENNA BERNOSKY, all ETA SIGMA/CHAPMAN, enjoyed the CASA Walk at Grand Convention.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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Thetas celebrate the Wee White House.

## THE WEE WHITE HOUSE

On September 28, the Beta Tau Chapter had an unveiling ceremony for a plaque that the Ohio Historical Society awarded to the "Wee White House," previously known as the Elias Gilman House. The historical marker recognizes the building as the oldest frame building in the village of Granville and as the first sorority house on the Denison campus. When the house was first built in 1808 it served successively as a post office, library, retail store, and select school. In 1904, the women of Chi Psi Delta purchased the house; in 1929, Chi Psi Delta became the Beta Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. The unveiling ceremony was attended by Thetas from around the area to witness an historical moment for the Wee White House, which many had called home.

## ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER CLOSING

With deep regret, Grand Council announces the closing of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Washburn University. We do not take lightly the disestablishment of a college chapter; the closing process is a lengthy one and is a sad experience for the entire Fraternity.

In recent years, Fraternity officers and educational leadership consultants provided significant support to the chapter, and Alpha Upsilon alumnae, as well as Theta alumnae in the Topeka and Kansas City areas, enthusiastically responded to requests for assistance. Despite these efforts, the chapter struggled to meet the expectations the Fraternity has of all her college chapters.

For 100 years, the Alpha Upsilon Chapter has contributed quality members who continue to be an asset

to Kappa Alpha Theta. College and alumnae members of Alpha Upsilon remain members and sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta.

## REUNIONS

The **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER** at **PURDUE** will celebrate 100 years in 2015! A Centennial Weekend Celebration will be held on May 22-24, 2015, which will include class reunions, sisterhood and charitable events, as well as an evening gala on Saturday. Members can learn additional details, RSVP, and make hotel reservations at [www.alphachithetas.org/centennial](http://www.alphachithetas.org/centennial).

## IT'S ON US CAMPAIGN

Timed with the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, US President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden announced in September a campus sexual assault awareness campaign titled "It's On Us." The campaign seeks to engage college campus communities in preventing sexual assault. "It's On Us" was launched in partnership with the Center for American Progress's Generation Progress, along with student body leadership from nearly 200 colleges and universities across the country, collegiate sports organizations such as the NCAA, and private companies that have strong connections with students at colleges and universities.

Kappa Alpha Theta encourages members to download the Circle of 6 free smartphone app that promotes sexual violence prevention and intervention. More information is available at [www.circleof6app.com/](http://www.circleof6app.com/).

## A SOCIAL MEDIA MILESTONE

Earlier this autumn, the Fraternity's Facebook page hit a major milestone by reaching 30,000 likes. In the past year, the page's following increased more than 15 percent. Thank you to all of Theta's college and alumnae members and friends for following Theta's story as we continue to offer women a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth!

Keep up with and celebrate sisterhood and the leading women of Kappa Alpha Theta by joining the conversation at [www.Facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta](http://www.Facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta). ◇

IT'S ON



## WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

## WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

## REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at [www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/events/reunions](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/events/reunions).

## PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email [webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org).

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

## THETA KITES FLYING HIGH!

TWO COLLEGE CHAPTERS WILL BE  
INSTALLED THIS AUTUMN!

READ ALL ABOUT THE INSTALLATION EVENTS  
IN THE WINTER ISSUE OF THE THETA MAGAZINE.



Beta Gamma re-established  
**COLORADO STATE**  
Fort Collins, Colo.

Theta Kappa  
**LOUISVILLE**  
Louisville, Ky.



"I AM A THETA" IS SOMETHING WE ALL SAY WITH PRIDE, WHETHER WE JUST RECEIVED A BID DAY CARD OR A 75-YEAR MEMBER PIN. THE FONDNESS WE HAVE FOR THETA COMES FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES—THE PEOPLE WE MEET, THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER, AND THE STORIES WE TELL. THESE STORIES



ARE WHAT CONNECT US TO ONE ANOTHER AND STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD. WE ALL HAVE A THETA STORY TO TELL. TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO REMEMBER ONE OF YOURS, AND

SHARE IT AT WWW.KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG. YOU CAN ALSO READ THETA STORIES SUBMITTED BY OTHER MEMBERS.

## SHARE STORIES

Visit the I Am a Theta area of [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org) to browse our stories and learn more about submitting your own. (Login required for submissions.)

## WHY I "DO" THETA

Sometimes I find myself thinking, Why Theta? Why do I "do" Theta? What does Theta give to me that prompts me to give back? I truly ponder this question, certainly not all of the time, but when time is short and my life is crowded. I know each of us asked ourselves this when we first joined, but as alumnae, these become even more important questions to which there is no one answer.

I loved Theta as a collegian, to the point that I did not quit living in the Theta facility until shortly before finishing college and marrying. As I sat at the dinner table on my last night at the Delta Theta facility, I realized I was the oldest collegian in the room and knew it was time to move on, albeit with tears in my eyes. And I did move on. I moved on to what all graduates do—navigating and living life.

Life for me was to take place in Tampa, across the bay from my hometown of St. Petersburg. I knew very few people, and it was a far smaller area at that time. People didn't pop back and forth across the bay quite so often as they do now, and I knew I had to find a support system. Thank goodness for Pam Williams LaCrosse! She and I had been at Delta Theta together, and Pam helped me begin to find a niche in her hometown. She did it by joining me in becoming active in the Tampa Alumnae Chapter.

And now it is years later. Pam and I are still friends, and I count my Tampa Theta sisters among the finest women I know and have ever known. There were a few years when the chapter was not very active. Most of us were too busy raising kids and working to figure out why, and it went on that way for a bit. But here we are now, a Golden Kite Chapter, more intent on pruning our activities than adding to them so we don't scare away newcomers!

But back to my original questions. Why Theta? Because as Thetas we have become the best we can become. Our Theta roots run deep, teaching us the importance of living to a higher level, instilling in us the importance of living an honorable life, and enveloping us in a sisterhood that is loyal and loving. Why do I "do" Theta? What does Theta give to me that prompts me to give back? It feeds me with challenges, opportunities, and dear friends. It helps me focus on a world that needs help. It supports learning and service and encourages philanthropy. Theta greatly broadens my world. It is not a world onto which I have piggybacked through my husband, my children, or my work. It is *my* world, one I help create through my actions. Giving back what I am able will never balance the scales.

I have been given so much.

None of us can do everything all of the time, but I hope each of you, Thetas to the core, will take a few

minutes to think about why you made the promises you did. You are Theta. Young or old, rich or struggling, healthy or sick, single or married. We are Theta, and we are you. Please join us now. We are waiting for you!

Louise Root Bearss, ΔΘ/Florida, is president of the Tampa Alumnae Chapter, and Delta Theta's permanent alumnae secretary.

## THETA BROUGHT US CLOSER

Kappa Alpha Theta is something that brings my sister Jillian and me closer on a level separate from just family ties. We have always loved each other, but now we share in this new love for Theta as well.

Since neither of our parents were a part of Greek life, the whole sorority thing was pretty foreign to us. After seeing the incredible, positive effect Theta had on my life and college experience, my sister Jillian was more than excited to embark on this new adventure and discover how Theta could potentially change her life as well. Obviously I was extremely biased as Jillian was going through recruitment, but I knew I loved Theta so much because I chose it solely for myself. Therefore, I detached myself from her as she went through the process so that she could end up in a house that she would love as much as I love Theta.

To my extreme delight, she felt that same connection that I had felt two years earlier. Being able to hold her kite as she ran out to the bid day courtyard and being the first person to officially welcome her into this sisterhood is one of my favorite college memories. She was finally going to understand and share in this unexplainable love and ties with all these other amazing women that I had been enthusing about for so long. There was also an overwhelming amount of comfort and relief knowing that I had more than 100 big sisters looking out for my little sister as she embarked on this new chapter of her life.

Witnessing the positive impact Theta has had on both Jillian and me, and meeting the inspiring women we surround ourselves with, has made my parents fall in love with Theta, too. Kappa Alpha Theta has brought my entire family closer as one more thing we all cherish, value, and are unbelievably thankful for. My sister and I have always had a close and special bond, but Theta has enforced that bond in ways that could never be explained.

Katie Smith, ΔE/Arizona State, serves her chapter as chief recruiting officer. ♦

*"Our Theta roots run deep ... enveloping us in a sisterhood that is loyal and loving."*



LOUISE ROOT BEARSS, ΔΘ/FLORIDA



JILLIAN AND KATIE SMITH, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE





# Theta was an investment in **your** future. Now, we need you to invest in **hers**.

At Kappa Alpha Theta, we approach each challenge from a position of strength. One of these challenges is assuring that our young women and our chapters will experience strong, informed peer-level guidance – forever. Another challenge is assuring that women committed to education will have the opportunity to receive that education, even when they cannot bear the cost alone.

We don't ask this of you very often. In fact, in the 50+-year history of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, this is only our second major fundraising campaign. This campaign is about building human capital, not raising dollars on Thursday and spending them on Friday. Dollars raised through **Give to Lead, Give to Learn** will be invested wisely, with earnings used to sustain two of our most-needed leadership and learning programs: the Educational Leadership Consultant program and need-based scholarships.

Please, help us show the strength of our sisterhood to meet today's challenges with today's gifts – and demonstrate the collective power of Thetas working together to instill leadership and learning. Theta was an investment in your future. Now, we need you to invest in hers.

Learn more about **Give to Lead, Give to Learn** and the individuals and chapters it supports by visiting our website, [www.givetotheta.org](http://www.givetotheta.org).



*A Theta Investment for Today and Tomorrow*





ΓΔ/GEORGIA

## NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER

ΓΔ/Georgia

YEAR BUILT 1856

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE** Greek Revival  
**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** Sold to Kappa Alpha Theta in 1938, this facility was home to the Dearing family for more than 50 years. The purchase and renovation of the facility saved the structure from ruin and has been home to Gamma Delta for 76 years.

## HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Individual structures can be listed on the national or state historic register, but geographical areas containing buildings significant to the community or city's cultural identity can be registered as national or local historic districts. The **CHI CHAPTER** at SYRACUSE, the **BETA CHAPTER** at Indiana, and the **RHO CHAPTER** at NEBRASKA are located in historic districts.

# HOMES OF SIGNIFICANCE

BY ABBY MERRITT BAKER

**F**or many of our college members, the chapter facility—their “house”—becomes a home away from home. It is more than just a place to eat, sleep, and study; it's a place where memories are made. On many campuses, that home has been part of the architectural landscape and history of the campus community for many years. Currently, 48 of Theta's chapter facilities are more than 50 years old, and 12 are more than 100 years old! Understanding, preserving, and celebrating the history of these buildings connects us to those who lived there before us and protects the facility for those who will live there in the future.

The history and significance of some of these facilities is emphasized by their official designation as an historic or landmark property.

One way to highlight the history and significance of these facilities has been designation on various types of historic districts and landmark registers. After doing research, contacting universities and gathering photos, we have found these Kappa Alpha Theta properties have historical significance. Who knows, you may want to explore a similar designation for your chapter facility!

According to the nonprofit organization Indiana Landmarks, anyone can nominate a structure, but the process is lengthy and requires much research and filling out of forms. The structure must meet three different requirements. First, the building must be more than 50 years old or events that made the struc-



## STATE HISTORIC REGISTER

H/Michigan

YEAR BUILT 1867

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE** Colonial Revival

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** When Kappa Alpha Theta purchased the facility in 1916, Louis H. Boynton, a University of Michigan Professor of Architecture, was hired to remodel both the interior and the exterior of the house. The structure was granted State of Michigan Historic Designation in 1983 and most recently, the Eta Facility Corporation was presented an award by the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission for significantly contributing to the historic preservation in the city.

ture historical must have occurred more than 50 years ago. Second, the structure must be associated with significant local or national events or people, it must be a distinct architectural type, or it must possess a certain artistic value. Third, the structure must maintain the qualities that make it significant; the original design and a specific visual identity are key. Generally, the criteria are the same to add a structure in its respective state register, but this may vary from state to state. ♦

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Is your chapter facility on the National or State Register?  
If so, please send information to [abaker@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:abaker@kappaalphatheta.org).

Want more?

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/>  
or <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3684.htm>



B/INDIANA

University Courts Historic District



P/NEBRASKA

Greek Row Historic District



X/SYRACUSE

Walnut Park Historic District





## COLLEGE CHAPTERS

- A** Thetas from chapters across the US and Canada, including **PAIGE WULFF**,  $\Delta\Phi$ /TULANE; **KARA HIGGINS**,  $\Gamma\Lambda$ /MARYLAND; **NICOLE CORNELIUS**,  $\Pi\Lambda$ /CASE WESTERN RESERVE; **LINDSEY LAM**,  $\text{BX}$ /ALBERTA; and **ASHLEIGH ALEGRE**,  $\Phi$ /PACIFIC, found each other at Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute.
- B** **STEPHANIE JOHN** and **MADISON COTHERMAN**,  $\text{BZ}$ /OKLAHOMA STATE, spent time abroad and visited the top of the Acropolis in Athens.
- C** **EPSILON IOTA CHAPTER** at WESTMINSTER's 2014 graduates celebrated the end of the year with Theta's Senior

- Service. Advisors and alumnae gave each senior member her stole for graduation.
- D** **SARAH WEISS**, **LINDSEY OSIMIRI**, and **CALLEY MURPHY**,  $\text{ZM}$ /MIT, celebrated their graduation together.
- E** **ETA UPSILON CHAPTER** at SAN FRANCISCO was awarded Chapter of the Year for the first time since its installation in 2011. The chapter also won Excellence in Scholarship.
- F** **ALPHA RHO CHAPTER** at SOUTH DAKOTA took home eight chapter and individual awards at the annual Greek Awards banquet, including the Corinthian Award.
- G** **KARA FISCHBACH**, **ASHLYN PUDENZ**, and **EMILY BENSON**,  $\text{AP}$ /SOUTH DAKOTA, celebrated bid day together.

- H** **JULIE STOMEL** and **LAUREN O'BRIEN**,  $\text{EP}$ /LEHIGH commemorated graduation with photos around campus.
- I** **CHRISTIE ONG**, **JESSICA GILES**, **JESSIE ZHU**, **MORGAN LYON**, **REBECCA MOLNAR**, **SAMANTHA WALSH**, and **KARINA VERTLIB**, all  $\text{BY}$ /BRITISH COLUMBIA, spent a day at the beach to celebrate sisterhood.
- J** **REBECCA LUNDGREN** and **CLARA BALESTRIERI**,  $\Delta\text{O}$ /ALABAMA, posed with their bid day signs after welcoming new members.
- K** **SHANNON BYOUK**, **ROBYN LUA**, and **ALEXIS RUSH** celebrated **DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER's** bid day at LOUISIANA STATE with a rock 'n' roll theme.
- L** **GAMMA PSI CHAPTER** at TEXAS

## THETAS OF NOTE



**PAMELA ANDROFF**,  $\text{H}\Theta$ /CENTRAL FLORIDA, was named to *Consulting-Specifying Engineer (CSE) Magazine's* 2014 40 Under 40 list. She is a project manager for all commercial equipment at Mitsubishi Electric Cooling & Heating.



**MARY HORTON**,  $\Gamma\Lambda$ /IOWA STATE, received the President of the Year award from the College Panhellenic Council.



**JESSICA SUNDLEAF**,  $\text{AP}$ /SOUTH DAKOTA, spent five weeks in Calcutta, India, as part of a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) mission trip. She is one of about 40 FOCUS student missionaries on South Dakota's campus.



**LARA SOROKANICH**,  $\text{X}$ /SYRACUSE, was recently appointed the editor-in-chief of *The Daily Orange* newspaper on Syracuse's campus.



**OLIVIA PAVCO-GIACCIA**,  $\text{ET}$ /YALE, recently founded a social enterprise venture called LabCandy. The venture is dedicated to inspiring young girls to join our next generation of scientists and innovators.





**CHRISTIAN** now has nine sets of biological sisters in the chapter, including **PAIGE** and **NATALIE CRAVENS**; **MOLLY** and **KATE SPITTERS**; **DELANEY** and **CHANDLER DALTON**; **AUDREY** and **EMMA ATKINS**; **LAUREN** and **ERIN REINEKING**; **ANNA** and **DEMI FRITZ**; **ISABELLA** and **CAMILLE VICK**; **ELLY** and **MADDY JONES**; and **SHELBY** and **SYDNEY RINGDAHL**.

**M** The **ALPHA PSI CHAPTER** was honored for academic achievements at **LAWRENCE'S** annual Honors Dinner and received the Scholarship Cup, given to the sorority with the highest GPA for the last school year.

**N** **BETA ZETA CHAPTER** at **OKLAHOMA STATE** welcomed new members at the start of the fall 2014 semester.

#### Not pictured

**EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER** at **WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON** received the Outstanding Community Service award and Chapter of the Year at the annual Greek Awards.

**BETA XI CHAPTER** at **UCLA** received the Outstanding Chapter Programming Award for their sisterhood retreat at the Panhellenic Awards Banquet in May.

**DELTA ZETA CHAPTER** alumnae **ALLYSON SCOTT GEVERTZ**, **MICHELE BAILEY THOMAS**, **TIFFANY PERRONE MALIN**, **TIMMERLY YORK BULLMAN**, **CHRISTA DELL SOBON**, and **DARA RHODES BIGGER** gathered at their **EMORY** reunion.



**JESSICA PEASE**, **ZO/CAL POLY**, was one of 11 recipients of the Hewlett-Packard Scholarship for Women Studying Information Security. Pease's subfield of study is cybersecurity.



**JANE MORRISON**, **IT/IOWA STATE**, completed her training to become a court appointed special advocate (CASA) and is now working with the Story County CASA in Iowa.



**MANDY PEINE**, **TN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE**, was selected as the commencement speaker for North Dakota State's spring 2014 graduating class.



**BETH BALDOCK FISHER**, **AT/OHIO STATE**, received the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award from Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, recognizing individuals who have provided longtime leadership, service, or financial support to the Conservatory.



**DEANNE HEINEN BROWN**, **EE/BAYLOR**, was named the Max R. Haddick Teacher of the Year by the Interscholastic League Press Conference. The award honors the year's most outstanding high school journalism teacher and publications advisor in Texas.





## ALUMNAE

**A** LISA DAVIS OLNEY,  $\Delta E$ /ARIZONA STATE and JUSTINE BRYAR,  $\Gamma \Delta$ /OHIO WESLEYAN, celebrated KATE GLEASON MADIGAN,  $\Omega$ /UC BERKELEY, who was honored as Volunteer of the Year for her work as a court appointed special advocate (CASA).

**B** The PROVIDENCE ALUMNAE CHAPTER walked in the Great Strikes Walk for Cystic Fibrosis in support of one of their sisters, whose family is affected by the disease. The team raised more than \$600.

**C** SUZANNE GRAF MCLEMORE,  $\Delta \Pi$ /TENNESSEE; CATHY COOK KRUMM,  $EZ$ /MISSISSIPPI; CHRISTA SAMAHA,  $HP$ /JAMES MADISON; and MARY

BESS CORBIN,  $EE$ /BAYLOR, attended NASHVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER'S Theta Lunch Bunch.

**D** SUSAN MCVEY,  $\Gamma Y$ /MIAMI; MILLIE JENKINS MCVEY and GLORIA KAHOUN TURNER, both  $\Delta \Gamma$ /OHIO STATE; ELIZABETH FENNER YASSENOFF,  $BT$ /DENISON; and LAURIE MCGREGOR CONNOR,  $\Gamma \Delta$ /OHIO WESLEYAN celebrated MARY EGERTON MILLER YOUNG,  $\Delta \Gamma$ /OHIO STATE, who was chosen to be on the Upper Arlington Ohio Wall of Honor.

**E** MISSOULA ALUMNAE CHAPTER members attended the 2014 Senior Service with the AN/MONTANA graduating members.

**F** Members of the HILL COUNTRY ALUMNAE CHAPTER were recognized for 50 years

in Theta. Pictured are PRISCILLA NICHOLS WILLIAMS, LINDA LOCKETT CHESLAK and BARBARA CLAIRE SCHMIDT HEINEN, all  $\Gamma \Phi$ /TEXAS TECH; PAT SHARP HURST,  $\Delta \Gamma$ /OHIO STATE; JUDY ALLEN UNGER,  $B\Phi$ /PENN STATE; SARA INCE HAMILTON,  $\Gamma \Phi$ /TEXAS TECH; LOUISE TEASDALE LARSON,  $\Gamma \Psi$ /TEXAS CHRISTIAN; FRAN VANZANDT COX,  $\Delta \Theta$ /TEXAS; and DIANE MCINTYRE EVANS,  $AM$ /MISSOURI.

**G** SYBIL GIBSON OLSON,  $\Psi$ /WISCONSIN, and MICKIE FREED LEE,  $P$ /NEBRASKA, attended the OMAHA ALUMNAE CHAPTER'S final meeting of the year, held in memory of CAROL COMBS,  $T$ /NORTHWESTERN.

**H** Fifty- and 75-year members were honored in Indianapolis, including ANN BAYER KITTLE and JANET HOLLIS SELBY, both  $B$ /INDIANA;

## THETAS OF NOTE



CINDY HEINE STELLHORN,  $B$ /INDIANA, was awarded the Delta Gamma Compass Award for making a lasting and deeply significant contribution to the interfraternal movement.



BARRET KATUNA,  $EP$ /LEHIGH, was named one of the 40 Women for the Next 40 Years by the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF).



ANN GREER BAKER,  $\Delta O$ /ALABAMA, was selected to join the ranks of Fellows of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) for her contributions to education of other construction professionals.



CHRISTINA JANCZAK AND TESSA HUSAIN, both members of  $\Gamma Y$ /MIAMI, recently launched a new iPhone app called Whooley, a social app that makes the process of making plans with sorority sisters and friends easier.





**I** ANNE LAWRENZ GEISSINGER,  $\text{B}\Pi/\text{MICHIGAN STATE}$ ; JENI FRYBACK HILGEDAG,  $\Gamma/\text{BUTLER}$ ; MARILYN COLE DEWEESE,  $\text{B}/\text{INDIANA}$  (front); LINDA WALLACE PLOPPER, MIMI PLASCHKE PRIEST and HILARY STOUT SALATICH, all  $\Gamma/\text{BUTLER}$ ; SUSIE MCCLELLAN SCHIEVE,  $\text{B}/\text{INDIANA}$ ; and CHERYL RISER WILLIAMS,  $\Gamma/\text{BUTLER}$ .

**J** KATHARINE COOL BENTLEY,  $\text{B}\Pi/\text{MICHIGAN STATE}$ ; LORIE LARSON LAND,  $\text{A}\chi/\text{PURDUE}$ ; and BEVERLY ROGERS WAGGONER,  $\Gamma\Pi/\text{IOWA STATE}$  meet for CHARLESTON LOWCOUNTRY ALUMNAE CIRCLE's lunch bunch.

**K** A group of ALPHA SIGMA alumnae participated in the Ragnar Relay, a series with races all over the US. The route was 196 miles non-stop from Blaine to Langley, Wash.

**K** ERIN KELLY,  $\text{B}\epsilon/\text{UCLA}$ , and SHELBY WILLIAMS HLADON,  $\Gamma\Pi/\text{UC SANTA BARBARA}$ , connected through the Theta Facebook page after a post about Kelly's training at the Naval Academy.

**L** The BETA ZETA CHAPTER at OKLAHOMA STATE hosted an alumnae appreciation dinner.

**M** AMY HAYNER KATES,  $\text{A}\Phi/\text{TULANE}$ ; LAURA WARE DOERRE,  $\Delta\epsilon/\text{NORTH CAROLINA}$ ; and KAREN ALBRECHT LEDBETTER,  $\Gamma\Gamma/\text{TULSA}$ , gathered at a Houston-area alumnae event celebrating Doerre's election as Fraternity president.

**N** A group of ALPHA CHAPTER alumnae celebrated their 60th reunion at DEPAUW.

**O** More than 10 BETA CHAPTER graduates celebrated their 60th reunion in Bloomington, Ind.

**P** Former college roommates BONNIE BATRICH BROWN and MONICA ALOISIO, both DELTA SIGMA/BALL STATE, reunited in Washington, DC, after 20 years.

**Q** OMEGA CHAPTER alumnae from the 1981 new member class reunited at UC BERKELEY. Pictured attendees include PATTI CARRUTHERS WERRY, SARA LARSON RIDER, HILARY DAWSON HAGER, ELAINE SMOOKE DATHE, CAROL MAURER MACKINLAY, ANDREA HELM CHALMERS, and KEVIN KENNEY.

**R** SAMANTHA KALLEN, LAUREN GRASSO, ELOISE POTTERFIELD, MICHELLE STUCKHARDT, ALEXANDRA HUDES, and CAITLIN PIECUCH,  $\text{Z}\Gamma/\text{DELAWARE}$ , reunited on a cruise in April. ◇



Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) awarded ANNE HUMPHRIES ARSENEAU,  $\text{B}\Lambda/\text{WILLIAM \& MARY}$ , with the Robert A. Shaffer Award for her continued dedication to furthering the fraternity/sorority experience and the advising profession.



MARISSA VOSPER and LAUREN SCHWAB, both  $\text{B}\text{H}/\text{PENNSYLVANIA}$ , launched Negative, a new brand of underwear. The brand's concept is about less is more and creating quality garments that are affordable and wearable.

RAINEY SEWELL,  $\text{A}\text{O}/\text{OKLAHOMA}$ , was crowned the 2014 US Cherry Blossom Queen. The Cherry Blossom Princess Educational and Cultural Exchange Program offers young women the opportunity to serve as ambassadors for their state, territory, or country.

US Department of Education announced that DR. LIBBY BELK DOGGETT,  $\text{A}\Phi/\text{TEXAS}$ , was named deputy assistant secretary for policy and early learning. In this role, Dr. Doggett will head up the Office of Early Learning within the Office of Elementary and Secondary

Education (OESE).

After completing the Boston Marathon in 2013,  $\text{A}\text{M}/\text{MISSOURI}$  alumna MARIA DeGIOVANNI's finish line photo was selected for the 2014 Boston Marathon poster.

CATHEY JO CULVER WARNER, an alumna and longtime advisor for the BETA ZETA CHAPTER at OKLAHOMA STATE, celebrated her service with chapter members after recently stepping down as advisory board chairman. ◇



# SURPRISE LEGACY

Being a part of Greek life was always on the agenda for Alexandra Damisch, Alpha Psi/Lawrence. She grew up in a family of college-educated women who were also (mostly) members of Greek-letter organizations. Unexpectedly, her fraternity experience would hold an even deeper meaning than she expected when she learned that Kappa Alpha Theta was an organization near and dear to her late grandmother, Harriet Darley Damisch. And while Alexandra says that the choice to join Theta was her own, she hopes to continue her grandmother's tradition of loyalty to the Fraternity. In celebration of Harriet's life, Alexandra's parents gave her a Life Loyal membership.



ALEXANDRA DAMISCH,  
ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

*"I embrace the notion that Theta is a lifelong bond and commitment."*

## HOW DID YOU FEEL AFTER "FULFILLING YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S 60-YEAR DREAM" OF HAVING A GRANDDAUGHTER AS A "SISTER"?

I honestly don't think that I fully understood the implications of joining Theta with such an incredible legacy. I was always confident that I would join a sorority, but I never realized the extent to which Theta would be an experience of my whole person. My Theta sisters are accomplished women on campus academically, athletically, and extracurricularly, and it is a joy to traverse my college years with them. They're both role models and friends; people with whom I share important life advice and lattes (often at the same time). During new member education, I started to get a feel for the incredible history that Theta has, and it has been a passion of mine ever since. Getting my grandmother's beautiful pearl badge during initiation was the moment that really drove home how special my legacy connection was. I feel so honored that I get to wear it as a reminder of our unique connection; it is a tangible reminder of her indescribable love.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME A LIFE LOYAL MEMBER IN YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S HONOR?

Becoming Life Loyal relatively soon after becoming a Theta demonstrates that, from the start, I embrace the notion that Theta is a lifelong bond and commitment—after all, that's exactly what my grandmother showed me. And since I became a Life Loyal member in my grandmother's honor, it's just another continuation of my grandmother's enduring commitment to the Fraternity.

## WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM YOUR LOYALTY AND MEMBERSHIP TO THE FRATERNITY?

I strongly believe that if you are loyal to the Fraternity, the Fraternity will be loyal to you. After my grandmother's death, I was the emotional beneficiary of her lifetime of service to Theta. I got support from my sisters in my own chapter and many emails of condolences and support from Thetas from all walks of life, just because they knew my grandmother. I had never met many of these wonderful women, but they were there for me in my time of need. Thetas take care of our own. I can't ask for anything more than that.

*Life Loyal*

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Andrea LaBonte Talley

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Joanna Wright Knoll  
Madonna Goodman Nyhuis

### Δ/ILLINOIS

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Carol Jackson Schultz  
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Cynthia Ralphs Onstott  
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#### ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE

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2014-15 ELCs

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set up to succeed, provide resources to chapters in need, and present intensive leadership and advisory board programming.

As the following notes from their journeys indicate, ELCs also create special Theta memories.

“FOR ME, THETA IS MORE THAN A SORORITY. IT IS MORE THAN A RÉSUMÉ-BUILDER OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS TO CALL ON THE WEEKENDS. IT IS A FAMILY. IT WELCOMES WITH OPEN ARMS A DIVERSE GROUP OF LEADING WOMEN, ALL WITH DIFFERENT BELIEF SYSTEMS AND FUTURE ASPIRATIONS. WITH MEMBERSHIP IN KAPPA ALPHA THETA COMES A SENSE OF BELONGING THAT CANNOT BE FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE. ALTHOUGH OUR NETWORK OF THOUSANDS IS FAR GREATER THAN I WILL EVER BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND, I DO KNOW ONE THING FOR CERTAIN: I AM AT MY BEST WHEN I'M SURROUNDED BY SISTERS, BECAUSE THERE TRULY IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.” —Annie Hornung

“DURING OUR SUMMER TRAINING SESSION, THE 2014-2015 ELC TEAM SET OUT FOR AN EARLY MORNING OF VOLUNTEERING. WE PAIRED WITH CASA OF MARION COUNTY (INDIANA) TO HELP AT THE CHILD ADVOCATES 8TH ANNUAL KIDS FAIR. THAT MORNING, WE UNLOADED, SORTED AND ORGANIZED PILES UPON PILES OF TOYS INTO TYPE AND AGE CATEGORY, AND WE WERE OVERJOYED TO PASS OUT TOYS TO CHILDREN IN NEED. THEY RAN AWAY IN DELIGHT HOLDING THEIR LEGOS, REMOTE CONTROL CARS, COSTUME SETS AND BARBIE DOLLS. DESPITE AN UNEXPECTED RAINFALL AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE FELT SO HONORED TO PLAY A ROLE IN AN INCREDIBLE EVENT.”

—Courtney Lynch

Back: ALEXA BOROWSKI, ANNIE HORNUNG, ALYSSA BARNES, MADISON CANNON, JULIA HART, ASHLEY FREEMAN, AQUENE KENERSON, MARGARET BURKE; Front: SARAH KINDSCHER, KAITLYN LUPPINO, SAMI BAHU, MADDIE INTFEN, COURTNEY LYNCH, ANN CRARY, JENNY COOK.



# THE 2014-15 ELCS

## **SAMI BAHU, HΘ/CENTRAL FLORIDA**

Based at ZX/Johns Hopkins, first-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** Lakewood Ranch, Florida

**MAJOR** hospitality management

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief recruiting officer, chief Panhellenic officer, bylaws committee

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Order of Omega, Rho Lambda, Dean's List, Study Abroad (France, Italy, England)

## **ALYSSA BARNES, ΓΨ/TEXAS CHRISTIAN**

Traveling, first-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** San Antonio, Texas

**MAJOR** marketing

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, chief operating officer, scholarship director

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Frog Camp Facilitator, Campus Tour Guide, Young Life Leader, Dean's List

## **ALEXA BOROWSKI, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**

Traveling, first-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** Lincoln, New Mexico

**MAJOR** agricultural communications

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief operating officer, chief Panhellenic officer, nominating committee

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** summa cum laude, Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources Congressional intern

## **MARGARET BURKE, A/DEPAUW**

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**HOMETOWN** Nashville, Indiana

**MAJOR** education studies

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** reference committee, recruitment committee, nominating committee

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Farber Outstanding Senior in Education Award, magna cum laude, Kappa Delta Pi president, DePauw Student Government Senior Senator, Panhellenic recruitment guide

## **MADISON CANNON, ZT/DELAWARE**

Based at ZX/Johns Hopkins, second-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** Mystic, Connecticut

**MAJOR** Spanish and education

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief recruiting officer, nominating committee, recruitment committee, philanthropy committee, communications director

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** lacrosse coach, campus personal trainer, Spanish Honor Society, study abroad (Costa Rica, Spain)

## **JENNY COOK, BT/DENISON**

Traveling, second-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** Granville, Ohio

**MAJOR** communication

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, chief operating officer

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Panhellenic Executive Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, Rho Lambda, Lambda Pi Eta, Dean's List, communication department fellow

## **ANN CRARY, BO/IOWA**

Based at ΘK/Louisville, first-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** St. Paul, Minnesota

**MAJOR** communication studies

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** recruitment director, recruitment committee

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Rho Lambda Honors Society; Greek Week executive director; Communication Studies Department research assistant

## **ASHLEY FREEMAN, HP/JAMES MADISON**

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**HOMETOWN** Fairfax Station, Virginia

**MAJOR** political science

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief marketing officer, member development committee, new member director, nominating committee

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** CASA volunteer, vice president of recruitment guides for Panhellenic Council, Order of Omega, Dean's List

## **JULIA HART, ZY/UT DALLAS**

Based at HΩ/Saint Louis, first-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** McKinney, Texas

**MAJOR** marketing

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief administrative officer, nominating committee, service & philanthropy director, Panhellenic president

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** academic excellence scholarship, peer advisor, residential life chairman, Fraternity and Sorority Life Woman of the Year, UT Dallas orchestra

## **ANNIE HORNUNG, HΣ/CHAPMAN**

Based at ΘI/-, second-year consultant

**HOMETOWN** Woodinville, Washington

**MAJOR** communication studies

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief education officer, alumnae engagement director, ritualist

**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Chancellor's Scholarship recipient, Kite Award recipient, orientation assistant, student organization assistant, Lambda Pi Eta, National Society of Leadership and Success, Order of Omega, Senior Legacy Committee

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—Ann Crary

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**HOMETOWN** Prairie Village, Kansas  
**MAJOR** elementary education  
**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, ritualist  
**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Dean's Honor Roll, recruitment guide for primary recruitment, Quest Freshman Honorary

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**HOMETOWN** Sugar Hill, New Hampshire  
**MAJOR POLITICAL** science and international studies  
**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, executive assistant  
**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** magna cum laude, Dean's List, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Eta Sigma, Political Science Department, Center for Civic Engagement, study abroad (Switzerland)

**SARAH KINDSCHER, ΓΨ/TEXAS CHRISTIAN**

Based at BG/Colorado State, first-year consultant  
**HOMETOWN** Leawood, Kansas  
**MAJOR** child development  
**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief marketing officer, service and philanthropy director, new member director, nominating committee  
**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** magna cum laude, TCU 4.0 Scholar, Dean's List, Order of Omega, Director of TCU's Frog Camp First Year Experience Program, research assistant at TCU's Institute of Child Development

**KAITLYN LUPPINO, ΔO/ALABAMA**

Traveling, first-year consultant  
**HOMETOWN** Johns Creek, Georgia  
**MAJOR** public relations  
**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief operating officer (two terms), program chair, recruitment day chair, nominating committee, recruitment committee  
**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Order of Omega, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, magna cum laude, President's List, Dean's List, advertising team

**COURTNEY LYNCH, ΓΥ/MIAMI**

Based at ΘI/ ~, second-year consultant  
**HOMETOWN** Chagrin Falls, Ohio  
**MAJOR** special education  
**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, chief administrative officer, nominating committee, member development committee, Panhellenic recruitment task force  
**HONORS AND ACTIVITIES** Autism Speaks U, Student Council for Exceptional Children, ADVANCE Leadership Retreat Facilitator, Miami University Outstanding Chapter President Award ◇

# Picture yourself...

- **traveling** the continent as an international representative of the Fraternity,
- **building** friendships and connections with Thetas of all ages,
- **gaining** real-world experience,
- **establishing** a new Theta chapter,
- **making** a difference!

## APPLY TO BE AN ELC

More information about Theta's ELC program is available at

[www.kappaalphatheta.org/collegians/programs/ELC\\_Program](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/collegians/programs/ELC_Program).

The application deadline is December 1.

Questions about the ELC program may be directed to [elcprogram@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:elcprogram@kappaalphatheta.org).



2014-15 ELCs



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## GLOBAL MEMBERS

*Connecting Thetas all over the world!*

KAPPA ALPHA THETA 

LEADING WOMEN



# GOING GLOBAL WITH THETA

BY JULIA SWAYNGIM MARTINEZ, BK/DRAKE

Have you heard of Kappa Alpha Theta Global Alumnae? It's a group of nearly 400 Thetas who live around the world. You may wonder how women living in Scandinavia and Ireland and Brazil can enjoy friendship and sisterhood in Theta. My own story is a good example!

I've been a Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity member for a long time. But Theta for a Lifetime has not always meant what it does to me today. The reason for that is because my Theta journey has not only spanned the years, but continents, too.

I pledged Kappa Alpha Theta as a freshman at Drake University; the Beta Kappa Chapter was my home for three enjoyable years. My next step was graduate school in Colorado and then a move to Alaska to start a career. It was not long before I next found myself a newlywed, moving overseas as we followed my husband's position.

After living globally for 12 years, we were repatriated to the US with a move to Texas. Being eager to restart a career and attend to the needs of raising four children, I still found myself not Theta-connected as an alumna.

My journey back to Theta began when life settled (back) in Anchorage. Discovering more than 100 Thetas living in Alaska, a small team of sisters and I united to begin an alumnae chapter. My appreciation for and pride in my Fraternity grew with the opportunity to lead the Alaska Alumnae Chapter.

Over the last few years, I have had the opportunity to once again "go global" and with that, further strengthen my ties to Theta. In August 2012, a career opportunity provided me the chance to relocate to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. I wondered how I could possibly continue to be involved with Theta. The answer? A unique and thriving Facebook group, connecting across the globe. From Hong Kong to Switzerland, Abu Dhabi to Haiti, social media has provided a means for Thetas living overseas to experience a new kind of connection in Theta.

Whether you're an alumna living abroad or a collegian traveling outside the country, Kappa Alpha Theta Global Alumnae makes it easy to share stories, helpful tips, photos, and more with expatriate sisters. To learn more or to join the group, search for Kappa Alpha Theta Global Alumnae on Facebook. ◇



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Thetas in Hong Kong found that making connections via Theta Global Alumnae can lead to making connections in person!





# Grand Convention

## Our Top 14 Memories

Grand Convention, held in June at the Orlando, Florida, World Center Marriott, was a celebration of sisterhood, Theta connections, and—of course—leading women.

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### Reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

Friendship is the foundation of our sisterhood. With more than 800 Thetas from more than 150 college chapters gathered in Orlando, opportunities to connect were abundant.



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### Shopping in the Theta Marketplace.

Officially licensed vendors offered a wonderful variety of Theta-themed jewelry and clothing, as well as services for Theta chapters.



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### Kicking off Convention.

Inspired by trade shows and street fairs, the Convention Kickoff offered fun activities, delicious food, and the opportunity to gain information about Fraternity programs at 18 booths manned by Theta experts.



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### Representing our chapters.

College and alumnae delegates represented their chapters during business sessions; each was seated in a chair with the name of her respective chapter printed on the cover. During the Nikê Service, every delegate presented a statement about the establishment of her chapter.







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## Walking for a great cause.

More than 530 Thetas participated in an early morning CASA Walk, raising more than \$10,000 for the 9th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem program in Orlando, as well as National CASA.



**25 YEARS** | **KAΘ & CASA**

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## Adding a charm to our collection.

Each Convention attendee received a charm commemorating her time in Orlando. Convention gifts are a tradition dating to 1905.

## Commemorating remarkable and courageous women.

In a video at the closing business session, Carole Cones, Alpha/DePauw, shared stories of Bettie Locke Hamilton, her great-grandmother.

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Foundation president, and Fraternity committee chairmen in addition to chapter delegates, considered and voted on 43 amendments to the *Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution and Bylaws*.



## Conducting business.

Grand Convention governs the Fraternity. Delegates, who included college and alumnae district directors, members of Grand Council, Theta



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## Celebrating accomplishments.

Kappa Alpha Theta's alumnae and college chapters are honored in awards ceremonies at each Grand Convention.

The Chapter Recognition Dinner celebrates those chapters that achieved extraordinary results over the past biennium. (A complete list of award winners begins on page 22.)



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## Purchasing pansies.

Theta Foundation's Pansy Patch was not only a spectacular display in the Convention registration area, but it also represented more than \$86,000 raised to support Theta educational, leadership, and philanthropic programs.





### Give to Lead, Give to Learn.

Theta Foundation publicly launched a \$5 million campaign to endow the Fraternity's Educational Leadership Consultant Program, which provides peer-level guidance to Theta college chapters, as well as a need-based scholarship program.



### Laughing and crying with featured speaker Kelly Corrigan, EΨ/Richmond.



The best-selling author discussed the themes she explores in her writing, including the ways in which connections between women are formed and strengthened.



### Electing leaders.

Electing Grand Council is an important responsibility of the delegates to each Convention. Grand Council is responsible for the governance of the Fraternity in the interim between Conventions.

(Learn more about our 2014-16 Council on page 21.)



### Announcing the next one!

Grand Convention 2016 will be held in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore. Registration information will be available in early 2016.



Three more highlights of Grand Convention 2014 included the beautiful Orlando World Center Marriott, a display of artifacts from Theta's archive, and the multi-functional Convention smartphone app.





## 2014-2016 GRAND COUNCIL

**LAURA WARE DOERRE**, Delta Xi/North Carolina, begins her first term as Fraternity president. Doerre has served as a Fraternity vice president, Theta Foundation trustee, coordinator of the directors of risk management, a director of risk management, and a member of the Nominating Committee task force, as well as held numerous offices in the Houston Northwest Alumnae Chapter.

An attorney, Doerre is chief legal officer and chief compliance officer of an international drilling contractor, and she also serves as the chairman of the Nabors Charitable Foundation and on the board of the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

**JANE SHEPHERD DICK**, Epsilon Mu/Princeton, begins her second term on Grand Council; she held the office of vice president alumnae from 2000 to 2002. She has also served Theta as a Foundation trustee, Nominating Committee officer, alumnae district president/officer, member of the Heritage Committee, and permanent alumnae secretary for Epsilon Mu. She is a member and officer of the Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter and has served as a college chapter advisor and a facility corporation board member.

Dick is an artisan chocolatier and confectioner who enjoys teaching classes and filling special orders; she also works part time at a local elementary school. She holds leadership positions on the PTA and school vision committee.

**JOAN HASTINGS KREIGER**, Chi/Syracuse, has served the Fraternity as an educational leadership consultant, education district director, education committee chairman, and ritual committee chairman. She begins her first term as Fraternity vice president. She is a member and officer of the Fairfield Alumnae Chapter and has served as a college chapter advisor and a facility corporation board member.

A university professor, Kreiger is also president of the Southern New England Alumnae Panhellenic.

Beginning her third term as a Fraternity vice president, **KIMI MORRIS MARTIN**, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, also served as a membership district director and on the service and philanthropy committee. While living in Texas, she served as an advisory board chairman, a recruitment and new member advisor, and president of the Mid-Cities Alumnae Chapter. She recently moved to the Atlanta area and is a member of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter.

Martin, who is an international flight attendant for Delta Airlines, is involved in her community through CASA, Junior League, and Airborne Angel Cadets.

**ABBEY MANSFIELD RUBY**, Beta Pi/Michigan State, has served Theta as a Panhellenic district director, membership district director, recruitment and Panhellenic district director, chapter compliance committee chairman, college committee chairman/director of college chapters, and as an advisor and advisory board chairman. She begins her first term as Fraternity vice president.

An attorney, Ruby is a senior associate at an international law firm. In her community, she has belonged to the Washington, DC-Suburban Maryland and New York City Alumnae chapters and participated in pro bono legal work in the area of juvenile justice, representing children whose parents have been charged with abuse or neglect.

**KATHY NEWMAN SCHWEER**, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, begins her first term as a Fraternity vice president. She previously served Theta as director of marketing for extension, a college regional director, college district president, recruitment consultant, college chapter advisor, and advisory board chairman.

A teacher and nonprofit administrator, Schweer has been involved with the Boston Metro Alumnae Chapter as well as numerous arts and education initiatives in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

**MANDY BURGETT WUSHINSKE**, Zeta Sigma/Ohio Northern, begins her third term as a Fraternity vice president. She holds a master's degree in education and an educational administrative license and has taught elementary and middle school and served as principal at a K-8 school.

Wushinske's Theta offices include college district president, membership district director, college chapter advisor, and advisory board chairman. In her community, she is member of the development board of Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Slice of Columbus Planning Committee, and HOPE for Haiti.

Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation President **MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS**, Beta Kappa/Drake, has served Theta as Fraternity vice president alumnae; Foundation trustee; Give to Lead, Give to Learn Cabinet; Fraternity Housing Trust officer; alternate NPC delegate; alumnae district president, alumnae district officer; and director of alumnae education. She has held numerous offices in the Chicago North Shore Alumnae Chapter.

A licensed pharmacist, Fitzsimonds serves on the Council of 100 of the Girl Scout Council of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana.



2014-2016 GRAND COUNCIL;  
back row: KIMI MORRIS MARTIN,  
JANE SHEPHERD DICK, KATHY  
NEWMAN SCHWEER, JOAN  
HASTINGS KREIGER; FRONT ROW:  
ABBEY MANSFIELD RUBY, LAURA  
WARE DOERRE, MARY ELLEN  
KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS and  
MANDY BURGETT WUSHINSKE.





# ALUMNAE AND COLLEGE CHAPTER RECOGNITION

## ALUMNAE CHAPTER AWARDS

### PANSY

Alaska  
Amarillo  
Bell County, Tex.  
Burlington  
Calgary  
Edmonton  
El Paso  
Fort Bend  
Fort Collins  
Fox Cities  
Gulf Coast  
Hattiesburg  
Jackson  
Jacksonville  
Katy-West Houston

Key West  
Lafayette-Acadiana  
Milwaukee  
Monterey County  
NJ North Central  
Northeastern  
Pennsylvania  
Plano  
Providence  
Santa Cruz  
SLO-Central Coast  
Vancouver,  
British Columbia  
Western North Dakota  
Winston-Salem

### BLACK & GOLD

Annapolis-  
Severna Park  
Bloomington  
Charlotte Area  
Clearwater  
Columbia Area,  
South Carolina  
Delaware Area  
Fairfield County  
Fargo  
Fort Worth  
Greater Fort Myers  
Grosse Pointe  
Hartford  
Houston Northwest  
Indianapolis  
Lafayette  
Louisville  
Marin County

Midland  
Missoula  
Nature Coast  
New York City  
Oklahoma City  
Olympia  
Peoria  
Pittsburgh  
Portland  
Rio Grande Valley  
Rochester  
San Mateo  
South Central  
Pennsylvania  
Toronto  
Western North  
Carolina  
Wichita  
Williamsburg

### TWIN STARS

Albuquerque  
Auburn  
Central Florida  
Cleveland  
Flatirons  
Fresno  
Grand Rapids  
Houston  
Inland Southern  
California  
Iowa City-  
Cedar Rapids  
Las Vegas  
Los Angeles  
Lubbock  
Memphis  
Minneapolis  
Naples-Marco Island-  
Bonita Springs  
NC Triangle

New Orleans  
Northern Va.  
Palm Beach Co.  
Pasadena  
Philadelphia  
Phoenix  
Reno  
Richmond, Va.  
Rockford  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
Sarasota  
South Orange Co.  
St. Louis  
St. Paul  
St. Petersburg  
Tucson  
Tulsa  
Westcheste, NY

### GOLDEN KITE

Arlington Area  
Atlanta  
Austin  
Birmingham, Mich.  
Boise  
Boston Metro  
Chattanooga Area  
Chicago North Shore  
Chicago NW Suburban  
Columbus, Ohio  
Dallas  
Denver  
Des Moines  
Greater Kansas City

Miami  
Nashville  
Norman  
North Alabama  
Omaha  
Orange County  
Seattle  
Southeastern Virginia  
Spokane  
Tampa  
Waco  
Washington DC-  
Suburban Maryland

### FOUNDERS AWARD FINALISTS

Greater Kansas City  
Miami  
Tampa

### FOUNDERS AWARD

Tampa

The Chapter Recognition Dinner honored the accomplishments of both alumnae and college chapters. "An achievement for one chapter means a victory for the Fraternity as a whole," said toastmistress **LINDSAY SELL, BΓ/COLORADO STATE**. Clockwise from right: alumnae chapter delegates from **DALLAS** and **PROVIDENCE** celebrate their achievements with Fraternity President **AMY HAYNER KATES, ΛΦ/TULANE**, and **LIZ SINNOCK DRAKE, B/INDIANA**; alumnae chapter award certificates; college chapter silver kite awards; **ZETA MU/MIT** received the prestigious Founders Award, which signifies consistent excellence.







## COLLEGE CHAPTER AWARDS

### BRONZE KITE

M/Allegheny  
Φ/Pacific  
AM/Missouri  
AN/Montana  
AΨ/Lawrence  
BΣ/SMU  
BΦ/Penn State  
BX/Alberta  
ΓE/Western Ontario  
ΓΘ/Carnegie Mellon  
ΓI/Kentucky

ΓII/Iowa State  
ΓP/UC Santa Barbara  
ΓY/Miami  
ΔΘ/Florida  
EE/Baylor  
ZΩ/Loyola Marymount  
HK/John Carroll  
HP/James Madison  
HT/Tampa  
HY/San Francisco  
HX/Boston

### SILVER KITE

Δ/Illinois  
I/Cornell  
K/Kansas  
ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan  
P/Nebraska  
T/Northwestern  
X/Syracuse  
Ψ/Wisconsin  
AE/Brown  
AH/Vanderbilt  
BZ/Oklahoma State  
BI/Colorado  
BK/Drake  
BN/Florida State  
BO/Iowa  
BTI/Michigan State

BT/Denison  
ΓX/Fresno State  
ΔO/Alabama  
ΔY/Eastern Kentucky  
EA/Dickinson  
EII/Bucknell  
EΦ/Chicago  
EΨ/Richmond  
ZΘ/Cal Poly  
ZΣ/Ohio Northern  
ZT/Delaware  
HΘ/Central Florida  
HII/Case Western Reserve  
HΦ/Belmont

### GOLDEN KITE

A/DePauw  
O/USC  
AO/Oklahoma  
AP/South Dakota  
AΦ/Tulane  
AX/Purdue  
BΨ/McGill  
ΓΔ/Georgia  
ΓM/Maryland  
ΓT/Tulsa

ΓΦ/Texas Tech  
ΓΨ/Texas Christian  
ΔZ/Emory  
ΔH/Kansas State  
EI/Westminster  
ZM/MIT  
ZE/-  
ZY/UT Dallas  
HΞ/Quinnipiac  
HΣ/Chapman

### EXCELLENCE IN ADMINISTRATION

ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan  
Runner-up: ΔY/Eastern Kentucky

### EXCELLENCE IN ADVISORY BOARD

ZE/-  
Runner-up: HII/Case Western Reserve

### EXCELLENCE IN FACILITY MANAGEMENT - NON-RESIDENTIAL

EE/Baylor  
Runner-up: ΓY/Miami

### EXCELLENCE IN FACILITY MANAGEMENT - RESIDENTIAL

P/Nebraska  
Runner-up: AH/Vanderbilt

### EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE \$0-\$150,000

BA/William & Mary  
Runner-up: HY/San Francisco

### EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE \$150,000-\$300,000

EP/Lehigh  
Runner-up: ΔΦ/Clemson

### EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE \$300,000-\$600,000

ΔH/Kansas State  
Runner-up: AT/Ohio State

### EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE \$600,000+

Δ/Illinois  
Runner-up: BE/UCLA

### EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING

HP/James Madison  
Runner-up: EE/Baylor

### EXCELLENCE IN MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

ΓM/Maryland  
Runner-up: IT/Tulsa

### EXCELLENCE IN PANHELLENIC

EH/Centre  
Runner-up: AT/Cincinnati

### EXCELLENCE IN RECRUITMENT

ZM/MIT  
Runner-up: BZ/Oklahoma State

### EXCELLENCE IN RISK PREVENTION

ZM/MIT  
Runner-up: BO/Iowa

### EXCELLENCE IN RITUAL APPRECIATION

HY/San Francisco  
Runner-up: ZE/-

### EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY

HΦ/Belmont  
Runner-up: ΔH/Kansas State

### LISSA L. BRADFORD AWARD FOR PANHELLENIC EXCELLENCE

Northwestern Panhellenic

### SOARING KITE AWARD

Ψ/Wisconsin  
BM/Nevada

### HIGHEST SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ΔE/Arizona State  
Runner-up: K/Kansas

### #1 IN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2012-2014 BIENNIUM

Φ/Pacific	BΨ/McGill
AE/Brown	ΓZ/Connecticut
AO/Oklahoma	ΓΨ/Texas Christian
AΣ/Washington State	EI/Westminster
BA/William & Mary	HΣ/Chapman

### FOUNDERS AWARD FINALISTS

AX/Purdue	ΔH/Kansas State
ΓΦ/Texas Tech	ZM/MIT
ΓT/Tulsa	ZE/-
ΓΨ/Texas Christian	ZY/UT Dallas

### FOUNDERS AWARD WINNER

ZM/MIT

## THETA FOUNDATION AWARDS

### ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

#### TOP IN UNRESTRICTED GIVING

Dallas Alumnae Chapter (\$31,500)  
Runner-up: Nashville Alumnae Chapter (\$27,000)

#### TOP IN GIVING TO CASA

Nashville Alumnae Chapter (\$4,000)  
Runner-up: Naples-Marco Island-Bonita Springs Alumnae Chapter (\$1,000)

#### TOP IN GIVING TO A NAMED ENDOWED FUND

Nashville Alumnae Chapter (\$79,303.92)  
Runner-up: Houston Alumnae Chapter (\$25,000)

#### TOP IN OVERALL GIVING PER DUES PAYING MEMBER

Nashville Alumnae Chapter (\$2,005.53/DPM)  
Runner-up: Westchester, NY Alumnae Chapter (\$1,340.17/DPM)

#### TOP TEN IN OVERALL GIVING

1. Nashville Alumnae Chapter (\$110,303.92)
2. Dallas Alumnae Chapter (\$31,625)
3. Houston Alumnae Chapter (\$26,000)
4. Westchester, NY Alumnae Chapter (\$24,123.09)
5. Seattle Alumnae Chapter (\$12,200)
6. San Antonio Alumnae Chapter (\$8,400)
7. St. Louis Alumnae Chapter (\$7,700)
8. Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter (\$6,738.90)
9. Pasadena Alumnae Chapter (\$6,495)
10. Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter (\$6,279)

### COLLEGE CHAPTERS

#### TOP IN UNRESTRICTED GIVING

AΘ/Texas (\$24,520)  
Runner-up: BE/UCLA (\$14,968.23)

#### TOP IN GIVING TO CASA

HI/San Diego (\$22,525)  
Runner-up: O/USC (\$13,816.62)

#### TOP IN GIVING TO A NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND

O/USC (\$31,556.62)  
Runners-up: AX/Purdue and Ψ/Wisconsin (\$25,000)

#### TOP IN OVERALL GIVING BY DISTRICT

- I. AX/Purdue (\$30,750)
- II. AT/Ohio State (\$8,640)
- III. X/Syracuse (\$5,615)
- IV. BH/Pennsylvania (\$8,028)
- V. AH/Vanderbilt (\$14,019.50)
- VI. AΘ/Texas (\$24,520)
- VII. O/USC (\$48,153.24)
- VIII. AE/Oregon (\$3,035)
- IX. AM/Missouri (\$11,136)
- X. ΓX/Fresno State (\$3,050)



Theta Foundation officers: CATHIE WATERS CARDELUCCI, BE/UCLA; MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS, BK/DRAKE; LYN STEWART SIMENSEN, IT/ROLLINS.

#### TOP TEN IN OVERALL GIVING

1. O/USC (\$48,153.24)
2. HI/San Diego (\$35,395)
3. AX/Purdue (\$30,750)
4. Ψ/Wisconsin (\$28,625.25)
5. AΘ/Texas (\$24,520)
6. HΣ/Chapman (\$24,166.24)
7. BE/UCLA (\$20,311.76)
8. AO/Oklahoma (\$17,063.66)
9. Δ/Illinois (\$15,585)
10. AH/Vanderbilt (\$14,019.50) ◇



IN 1987, MEMBERS OF THE BETA CHAPTER ATTEMPTED TO QUALIFY FOR THE MEN'S LITTLE 500, A BICYCLE RACE HELD AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY (IU) THAT WAS OPEN ONLY TO MALE CYCLISTS. WHILE THEY MISSED QUALIFICATIONS BY JUST ONE SPOT, THEY PAVED THE WAY FOR THE FIRST WOMEN'S LITTLE 500 RACE, WHICH TOOK PLACE THE FOLLOWING YEAR. SINCE THEN, THETA'S BIKE TEAM HAS BEEN A POWERHOUSE, PLACING WITHIN THE TOP 10 EVERY YEAR BUT ONE. IN APRIL 2014, THE TEAM TOOK HOME ITS FIFTH TITLE. THE DEDICATION, PERSEVERANCE, AND MOTIVATION—BOTH ON AND OFF THE TRACK—MAKE EACH OF THE TEAM MEMBERS LEADING WOMEN.

BETA/INDIANA and 2014 Theta Cycling members BRENNA MCGINN, ABBY ROGERS, KATE MCDUGAL, and LIZ LIEBERMAN.



# LEADING WOMEN

THETA CYCLING TEAM, B/INDIANA BY GRETA HASS SNELL, B/INDIANA

From the skydivers to the balloon release to the ever-popular rendition of "Back Home Again in Indiana," the Little 500 is more than a bicycle race, for both participants and spectators. For the Theta Cycling team members—**KATE MCDUGAL**, **LIZ LIEBERMAN**, **ABBY ROGERS**, **BRENNA MCGINN**, **KAILYN GOEGLEIN** (alternate), **CATIE SURETTE** (alternate), and **SARA KINNEY** (alternate)—the race is about even more. It's about Beta Chapter's rich history, being a part of the Little 500 community, and representing their Theta sisters.

"One of the best parts about being on this team is that it brings so many generations of Thetas together," said Kate McDougal, a three-year team member. "Being a part of Theta Cycling has truly allowed me to see the support system that your sorority sisters can be. They know how much we give up to ride [in the race] and represent them, and they are respectful and supportive as a result. Theta Cycling also has amazing support from alumnae."

First-year team member Abby Rogers has been to 19 Little 500 races in her 20-year lifetime. Her father's involvement in college and as an alumnus inspired her to get involved. "The memories I have growing up on the track all impacted my decision to come to Indiana and ride," she said. "The Little 500 community is my home. This win was more than a win for me, my team, and Theta; it was a win for all of the people who told me since I was a little girl running around the

infield that someday I would ride in this race, too."

Just as student athletes do, the team trains six days a week and participates in several series events each spring leading up to the Little 500. Being a part of the team takes more than just time and commitment, though. "Every Little 500 rider needs to have passion—for the team, for the race, and for the cause—determination, and a little bit of craziness to get through the training," said Rogers.

Despite the commitment and sacrifices these leading women make, they aren't looking for all the credit. "I feel bad that we get all the fame and glory when so many of our sisters do so much for our sorority," said McDougal. "Although we ride our bikes in an event that raises money for working student scholarships, there are so many members within our house that are winners in a different way. These girls are the ones making a big difference."

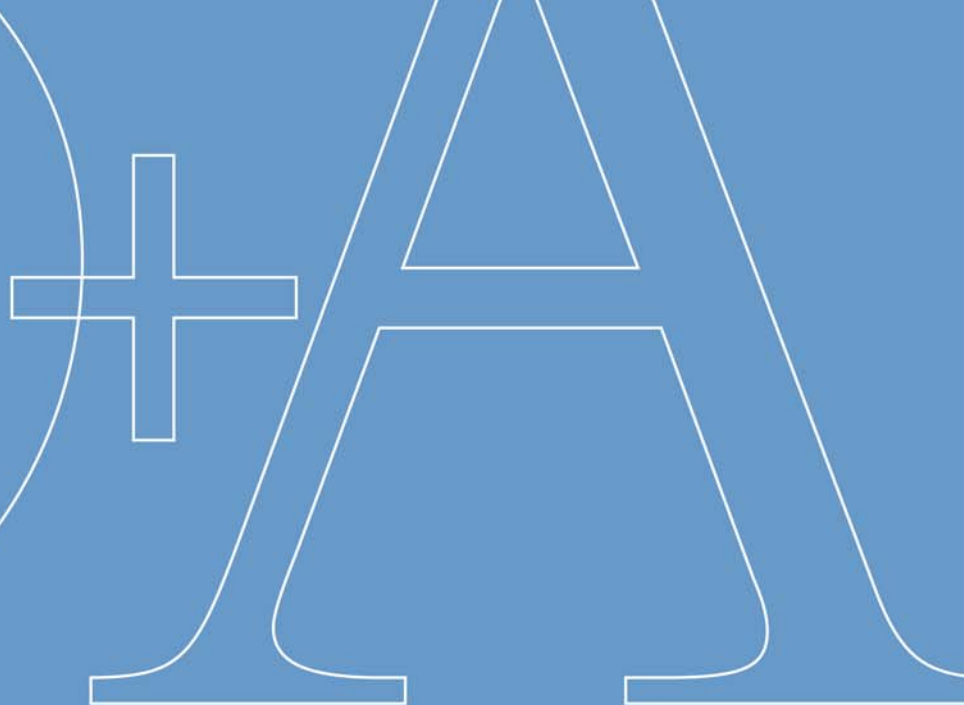
No matter the reason, the women of the Little 500 are leading women in their own right by promoting sisterhood on and off the track.

"This team is a family, and we are so supportive of each other," said Liz Lieberman. "I would not be the cyclist/woman I am today without the love and support of the team and Theta. Whether it's race day, a spring series event, or just a sunny practice at the track, the women of Theta always show up and show us love." ◇

Want more?  
[iusf.indiana.edu/little500/fans](http://iusf.indiana.edu/little500/fans)



# Laura Ware Doerre A THETA OF NOTE



LAURA WARE DOERRE, DELTA XI/NORTH CAROLINA, WAS ELECTED FRATERNITY PRESIDENT IN JUNE. FOR MORE ABOUT HER PROFESSIONAL AND THETA CAREERS, PLEASE SEE PAGE 21.

## WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

My proudest moment occurred when I was talking with my then 11-year-old son about his friend's parent who was the CFO of a large public company. In the middle of the conversation, he asked, "Wait, Mom, is it his dad or his mom?" At that moment, I realized that my son had no preconceived notions regarding gender and profession (it was, in fact, the father), and all of my working mom guilt melted away.

My proudest accomplishment is being elected Fraternity president. Knowing that my sisters have confidence in me to lead this incredible organization at such an important time in its history is both humbling and a little daunting. It's still a little surreal to me, but it is a great privilege and an even greater responsibility, one I strive to honor every day.

## WHAT PROFESSION OTHER THAN YOURS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

Flight attendant. When I was in grade school, that was my dream career. Although I'm not sure I have the patience to do the job well, it always seemed like the perfect complement to my love of travel.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WORD?

*Synergy*. It connotes teamwork, collaboration, harmony and the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. Plus, it's a fun word to say.

## "LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD EVER GUESS ..."

I'm terrified of heights. I can't get too close to the window in a tall office building, and forget walking across a catwalk two stories high or going to the top of the Eiffel Tower. It takes me several seconds to prepare to step on an escalator, and there is one particularly long, steep escalator in Houston that my mind hasn't yet overcome—thankfully, an elevator is nearby.

## WHAT DOES THE PHRASE "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

The beauty of "leading women" is that it means so many different things, in part because "leading" acts as both an adjective and a verb. Kappa Alpha Theta was the first Greek-letter fraternity for women, and we remain leaders in that movement today. Both collectively and individually, our members are leaders on their campuses and in their communities and professions. Finally, as an organization, we lead women to be their best selves through application of our ritual. To me, "leading women" is a constant reminder not only to fulfill our ideals and principles, but to do so in the best, most powerful manner possible.

## WHAT REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

(1) when one of my sons holds the door for me (without being asked); (2) receiving flowers unexpectedly; and (3) having someone thank me for positively influencing them in some way, especially when I am unaware I had even done so. Those things are all extremely validating to me.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

There are so many, it's hard to choose just one! The incredible response to the rollout of the Leading Women tag line ranks near the top. Council took a big chance on that one: we made a conscious decision to essentially ignore the data in favor of an overwhelming conviction that Leading Women best captured what was unique about Kappa Alpha Theta. It was a good lesson that, while being data-driven is important, leaders (not data) have to make decisions based on what they believe is in the best interest of the organization. Still, it was a leap of faith, which made the flood of support both from within Theta and from our friends in the Greek community even more gratifying. ♦



*"Leading Women is a constant reminder not only to fulfill our ideals and principles, but to do so in the best, most powerful manner possible."*



# THEMES OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

BY ROSEMARY ROCKWELL WATERS,  
TX/FRESNO STATE

WHEELCHAIR-BOUND SINCE SHE WAS A TEENAGER, SUSAN SHANKS HAS SPENT HER LIFE TEACHING AND HELPING OTHERS.

Susan J. Shanks began flying Theta's kite as a college freshman when she was initiated into Beta Pi Chapter at Michigan State in 1949. After her freshman year—a month after her nineteenth birthday—she fell in the bathroom at her home. She had a high fever and was in pain. An ambulance rushed her to the emergency room at the University of Michigan Hospital. A spinal tap confirmed that she had contracted polio.

Before vaccines were developed in the mid-1950s, the word *polio* was terrifying. The cause of the disease was not known, and it left thousands of adults and children paralyzed.

Shanks had contracted the most debilitating forms of the disease, which destroyed many motor terminals in her spinal cord. She could only move her head and the toes on one foot. She was placed in an iron lung to facilitate her breathing.

After ten months of intensive treatment and therapy at the FDR Warm Springs Foundation in Georgia, followed by five years of extensive physical therapy with very little return of muscle function, she decided to resume her education. Her family built a one-story, barrier-free house. The Toledo Theta Alumnae Chapter encouraged her to apply for a \$500 Theta grant, which enabled her to pay expenses that were not covered by the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. After successful surgery on her right hand at Warm Springs, she had a useful right thumb and could grasp objects and push her wheelchair slowly around the house.

With the devoted care of her mother and the love and encouragement of the Theta alumnae in Toledo, Shanks resumed her education at the University of Toledo. The Americans With Disabilities Act would not be enacted for many years, but the Toledo campus was as ideal for a person in a wheelchair as could be found in those days. She completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education and taught in an elementary school for a year to prove that she could! Her next stop was Bowling Green State University, where she earned her master's degree in speech and hearing.

In 1960, Shanks and her mother moved to Phoenix, where she found a position as a speech therapist in a clinic. While in Phoenix, she was active in the alumnae group and participated in the establishment of the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State. Working with students stimulated her to consider pursuing a doctorate degree, so she could teach in a college or university.

Susan's remarkable journey continued. There was not a PhD program available in Arizona at the time, and she was elated when she was accepted to the doctoral



SUSAN J. SHANKS, ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

program at Louisiana State in Baton Rouge. While at LSU, she again helped to establish a Theta chapter, Delta Kappa. To complete her PhD, she was required to take reading tests in French and German. It was a requirement that doctoral students be able to read scientific journals relating to their discipline with 70 percent accuracy. Susan Shanks had previously studied neither language, but she approached this challenge with her "can do" attitude!

Upon attaining her doctorate, she was hired by California State University, Fresno in 1970. She has been a supporter of both the Fresno Alumnae Chapter and Gamma Chi Chapter, though her health and extensive teaching schedule did not allow her to be as active a participant as she would like. The Fresno Theta Alumnae honored her at Founders Day 2014 as Theta of the Year.

In 1992, Shanks's mother suffered a stroke, and she retired as a professor emerita, after 22 years of teaching. During her mother's last years, she needed additional help to care for both her mother and herself, so she developed a plan for choosing, hiring, and training caregivers, whom she calls "her angels." "All of the sudden, she couldn't do anything for herself, much less me," Shanks says. "I had to become the boss."

At age 84, she continues to live in her own home with the help of multiple caregivers whom she supervises. She has written two books, *House of Angels*, about living independently with in-home caregivers, and *Chosen to Never Walk Alone*, her life story.

Shanks has also written pamphlets on aging, death and grieving that she has distributed for \$1.50 apiece to hospice facilities across the county. She's sold close to 10,000 copies over 15 years. ♦

*About the author:* Rosemary Rockwell Waters, TX/Fresno State, is secretary of the Gamma Chi Facility Corporation Board. Of Susan Shanks, she writes, "Theta has played such an important role in her remarkable journey."

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# 25 YEARS | KΑΘ & CASA

"Every child deserves to have opportunities; to continue in school, to have a loving family, to have a family that has faith in them. My family told me 'you can be whatever you want,' and I wouldn't have been able to be whatever I want had I not had my CASA volunteer." *ASHLEY CRAY, BETA MU/NEVADA ALUMNA & FORMER FOSTER YOUTH*

## THE PROBLEM: OVERWHELMED SYSTEMS



will find themselves in US foster care & family court systems this year.



The average child will spend nearly **two years** (20 months) in foster care.

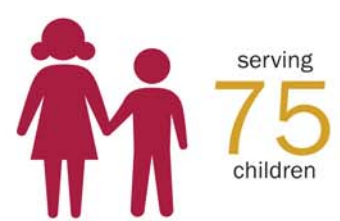


On average, each one of those children will **change homes** three times.

## THE SOLUTION: CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS



One month in foster care **costs three times** as much as one year of CASA advocacy.



## RESULTS WITH THETA SUPPORT: BRIGHTER FUTURES



CASA programs change lives. A child with a CASA volunteer is **more likely** to find a safe, permanent home.



A child with a CASA volunteer is **half as likely** to re-enter the foster-care system.



And they are **more likely** to **succeed in school** and less likely to spend three or more years in foster care.

## OUR VISION: FOR THIS 25TH YEAR



### SUPPORT

Thetas give through chapter philanthropy events that support local CASA programs and by donating to Theta Foundation in support of its grant to National CASA.



### ADVOCATE

Thetas advocate for the rights of foster youth by spreading awareness to others.



### VOLUNTEER

Thetas volunteer their time as trained CASA advocates or with their local CASA office.

In 25 years of collaboration, Kappa Alpha Theta has supported CASA's mission of fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight in court for an abused or neglected child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the security of a loving family. In addition to contributing more than \$1 million toward National CASA, Thetas develop and execute fundraisers and service projects and passionately spread the word about CASA advocacy.

[KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG/CASA](http://KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG/CASA) | [CASAforCHILDREN.ORG/THETA](http://CASAforCHILDREN.ORG/THETA) | [#THETA25CASA](https://twitter.com/THETA25CASA)

SOURCES: CASAforChildren.org/Evidence



# HOW TO—

**THETAS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE ON HOW TO DO [SOMETHING] BETTER.**

CHRISTA SAMAHA, ETA RHO/  
JAMES MADISON, SERVED AS  
AN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
CONSULTANT (ELC) FROM  
2011-2013 AND AS A SENIOR ELC  
DURING THE SPRING 2014 SEMESTER.  
SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S  
DEGREES IN PSYCHOLOGY AND  
SPANISH, AND A MASTER'S DEGREE  
IN SECONDARY EDUCATION.  
CHRISTA IS THE ADVISORY BOARD  
CHAIRMAN FOR ETA RHO CHAPTER.  
SHE RESIDES IN NASHVILLE AND  
IS A MEMBER OF THE NASHVILLE  
ALUMNAE CHAPTER. SHE IS ALSO  
A LIFE LOYAL MEMBER.

**Y**ou open your mail or see in your email  
inbox an invitation to an upcoming event.  
It's addressed to you alone, and you have no  
idea who else received the invitation or who else  
might be going. This makes you nervous and you  
consider replying no, even though you would love  
to attend.

We've all been in this situation before, whether it be  
a recruitment event in college, the first day of work  
with a new employer, or going to an alumnae chapter  
event for the first time. It's hard enough to simply  
walk solo through the door, let alone navigate through  
a room of complete strangers!

Through my experiences as an educational leadership  
consultant (ELC) for Kappa Alpha Theta, I've had to  
do this numerous times, and from both sides—being  
the new person and welcoming new people! Below are  
some tips for successfully walking into a room of unfam-  
iliar faces.

1. Have a smile on your face. Everyone feels more comfortable when you smile at them!
2. Be confident, even if you are nervous. Others don't know what is going on in your head; they can only see your demeanor.
3. Be the first to introduce yourself to others. It's important to take the initiative—not only do you exude confidence to others, but doing so helps you feel more self-assured.
4. Use “open” body language. For example, don't cross your arms or lean against a wall.
5. Create a strategy for remembering people's names. Repeat their name periodically throughout the conversation. It will make you appear more genuine and personable.
6. Remain positive in all conversations. No one

## — WALK ALONE INTO A ROOMFUL OF STRANGERS

likes a complainer, and you should avoid negativity with those who aren't in your inner circle and don't understand who the real “you” might be. People want to be around others who feel good about themselves and help others feel good, too.

7. Always keep eye contact with people while you are talking. Doing so indicates you are taking a sincere interest in what they are saying.
8. Have a creative opening question to get to know someone. Don't just ask where they are from and what they do.
9. Be aware of your positioning in the room. Avoid standing in the corner or with your back to others.
10. Balance speaking and listening during conversations. Remember to ask others about themselves—do not talk on and on about yourself!

Using these tips should help you work the room when you don't know a soul there. And most of all—remember names and stories so when you see them again, you have the beginnings of new relationships. ♦

Are you an interior designer with tips on repainting a room? Are you a home cook whose cake decorations would be the envy of Martha Stewart? Are you an accountant with hints for making tax time less painful? In short, do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better?

If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, associate editor,  
lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org. We'd love to hear from you!



CHRISTA SAMAHA,  
HP/JAMES MADISON

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# OUTSIDE THE "COLLEGE BUBBLE"

BY CELIA BRESSLER, ZH/WOFFORD

As I boarded my plane to New Orleans, I was nervous and excited. I was going to step off the plane and know none of the people with whom I would be spending the next few days. But I knew it would be a great time!

Our first day was full of nerves and multiple rounds of the Hi-let-me-ask-you-the-typical-get-to-know-you-questions game. Yes, we were sisters, but we were all sisters who had never met before, from all over North America. Almost none of us knew much about the culture of New Orleans.

Our first night, we were asked to think about our culture and our assumptions about the culture of New Orleans before we had a tour of the city and began our service. The city is basically a "melting pot" of cultures, and as we toured, in our air-conditioned van, we began to see all of the history and different cultures lining the roads and sidewalks. It was mind-blowing to think that all of the huge, beautiful, colorful houses have survived hundreds of years and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. One thing we started to pick up on was that, although the hurricane shook the city's morale, the residents remained strong and began to rebuild their city bigger and better than ever. Although most of New Orleans has recovered and been rebuilt, Katrina's mark can still be seen throughout the city.

Our tour guide asked us if there was anything specific we wanted to see. We were all exhausted, and the Starbucks we were passing looked extremely appealing, but we also really wanted to see the Lower Ninth Ward. So I responded to our guide, "Starbucks and the Lower Ninth Ward." This is where we began, as we called it, "checking our privilege." We had the privilege of driving around in the nice air-conditioned van, able to get some expensive coffee before going to see some of the damaged houses that are still untouched

since Katrina. (We didn't actually get Starbucks ... we checked our privilege.) We all teased about "checking our privilege" for the rest of the trip, but it also became very apparent how blessed we really are.

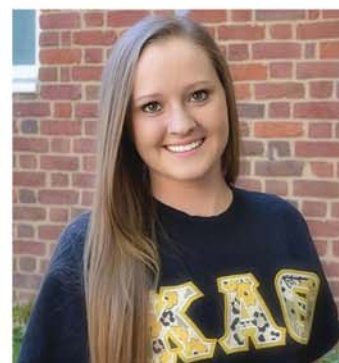
Each day of the trip, there was something new, such as using pens for paintbrushes, that reminded us how lucky we are to wake up and be able to choose from three pairs of tennis shoes instead of waking up and having none to choose from. At the end of every day, it was so rewarding to see how thankful the people were, and how proud we were of what we had done. It inspired me to do more and take all of this back to my chapter, spreading the widest influence for good.

On one of the last nights, we were asked to write in our journals about how we would take what we've learned back to our chapters and what we would do when we got back. I'd love for my chapter to be more involved with CASA. I enjoyed volunteering there, wrapping presents, knowing that when a little kid unwrapped it, he or she would have a better day.

It's easy to get wrapped up in studying and socializing and forget about what's outside of the "college bubble." Last year, I didn't think about *What can I do to give back to this town?* Instead, I was thinking about papers and Starbucks dates. Of course school work and scholarship is important, but there are four points of the kite we should uphold as Thetas. In retrospect, I wish I had done more, and I definitely want to improve that next year by getting more involved in my town and even beyond.

It's such a cliché to say this trip was a life-changing experience, but it truly was. It opened my eyes to what's beyond the surface, and it was even more amazing having 19 other sisters with me who shared the same values and even some secrets. It was such a privilege to go on this trip, to help others and to represent Kappa Alpha Theta as one of a group of leading women. ♦

THETA COLLEGIANS FROM ACROSS THE CONTINENT SPENT A WEEK IN NEW ORLEANS THIS SUMMER ON THE FRATERNITY'S 2014 SERVICE TRIP. DURING THE DAY, THEY VOLUNTEERED FOR CASA OF NEW ORLEANS AND NEW ORLEANS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY; AT NIGHT, THEY PARTICIPATED IN GUIDED CURRICULUM SESSIONS ON CULTURAL AND SERVICE IMMERSION, INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP STRENGTHS, AND THETA RITUAL AND VALUES.



About the author: Celia Bressler, Zeta Eta, is a sophomore at Wofford College.

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# THE PATH TO LEADERSHIP

BY KELSEY YELICH, HT/TAMPA

Merriam-Webster lists the definition of leadership as “a position of a group, organization, etc.” Many different definitions of leadership were given to the 64 participants of **EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE (ELI)** upon our arrival at Butler University on July 10. But we were then asked to come up with our own definition of leadership. Little did we know that throughout the course of our weekend, these definitions would change drastically! While many may think that leaders only fit into one specific mold, this idea could not be more wrong. ELI is designed to showcase different models of leadership and how these models can be used in order to not only improve our Theta chapters, but also the world.

When I first arrived in Indy with my carry-on in hand, I had no idea what to expect. Being the only participant from my chapter, I knew I was going to have to play to my strengths in order to get the most out of my experience. During ELI, I was surrounded by nothing but love and support. It was amazing to know that I was in a room with 64 other Thetas who were here for the same reason: to learn how to become a better role model and leader in today's ever-changing society.

The sessions dove into different topics, including StrengthsQuest, the relational leadership model, ethical leadership, courageous leadership, and how to go about leading change.

The leaders of the institute, Melissa Shaub, Alpha Sigma/Washington, and Maggie Harris, Gamma/Butler, took these topics and helped us understand how to apply them to our lives as college women. Whether it involves issues within our chapters or on campus, they used real-world examples in order to showcase how the different types of leadership can really make a difference.

The time spent with my small group had the most impact on me. Calling ourselves the “Sassy Seven,” our group consisted of members from around the country and even Canada! Our group leader, Amanda Gaglio, Eta Theta/Central Florida, encouraged us to go outside of our “boxes.” For me, this meant speaking up during large group sessions and not being afraid to “put myself out there.” I felt so encouraged by my small group, and they made the whole experience that much better. Not only are we sisters in Theta, but we are also friends, and we were there because we wanted to become the best leaders possible.

As our tag line—Leading Women—expresses, being a Theta gives each of us a chance to be our best self. Just like Bettie, Hannah, Alice, and Bettie did, we each have the chance to lead in our chapters, on our campuses, and in our communities.

*About the author:* Kelsey Yelich, from O'Fallon, Missouri, is a sophomore at the University of Tampa and a member of the Eta Tau Chapter.



KELSEY YELICH, HT/TAMPA

## RELATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Curriculum at the Emerging Leaders Institute focused on increasing skill development and understanding leadership as a relational process.

Believing that leadership is not necessarily an office held or a title conferred, Theta defines relational leadership as an opportunity to engage with others to create positive change for the common good.

The relational leadership philosophy values ethics and inclusivity. It acknowledges the diverse talents of group members and trusts the process to effect the socially responsible changes that group members agree that they want to work toward.

*During ELI, I was surrounded by nothing but love and support.*

I am strong  
I am driven  
I am brave  
I am passionate  
I am confident  
I am a Leading Woman

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# 'WHAT'S THE MOST UNIQUE ITEM IN THE COLLECTION?'

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, CA, AX/PURDUE

I AM OFTEN ASKED WHAT IS THE MOST UNIQUE ITEM IN THETA'S COLLECTION. WHILE THE MATERIALS RELATING TO OUR FOUNDERS ARE THE MOST SPECIAL, THE ARCHIVE HOUSES SOME OTHER UNIQUE ITEMS. AMONG MY FAVORITES IS A NAVAJO RUG WITH THE LETTERS "KAΘ." I OFTEN ASKED MYSELF HOW THERE CAME TO BE A NAVAJO RUG WITH OUR LETTERS WOVEN INTO IT.

**WHAT I KNEW.** The archive acquired the small rug in 2000 from Catherine Tillotson McCord, who was born in Frankfort, Indiana, in 1897. A member of Alpha/DePauw, initiated in 1915 by Bettie Locke Hamilton, she graduated in 1918 with a double major in English literature and French. She served as Fraternity archivist from 1926 to 1935 and as permanent alumnae secretary to the Alpha Chapter from 1959 to 1995. Throughout this period, many Alpha members remember Catherine as a longtime visitor and resource for the chapter. At the time of her death in 2001 at age 104, she was considered DePauw's oldest living alumna.

The rug itself is 23 x 25 inches and is made of wool with a very tight weave. The gray and off-white wool is most likely un-dyed.

A bonus! (This kind of stuff makes an archivist very happy!) Among the items donated along with the rug are two images of a Navajo woman with the very same rug. The photographs appear to date to the 1920s and or 1930s. I now knew who donated the rug, and I even knew who wove the rug, but I did not know the specific date, the location, or even the context for how this rug came into being.

**WHAT I DISCOVERED.** When the Spanish controlled the American Southwest, the Navajo people began to raise sheep and learned weaving from the Pueblo people. By the 1900s, Navajo rugs had become a major income source for Navajo families: tourists could purchase these rugs woven by Navajo women.

Knowing that Catherine McCord liked to travel, I searched for materials within the archives to see if I could document when she might have been in the Southwest. In the transcripts that describe her many trips, she mentions her brother, Miner R. Tillotson, and the Grand Canyon National Park. Upon further research, I discovered that Miner Tillotson, a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering, became the superintendent at Grand Canyon just three years after the site became a national park. Tillotson was honored posthumously in 2013 by inclusion on the Grand Canyon Hall of Fame by the Grand Canyon Historical Society and National Park Service.

For our story about the rug, I discovered that the Navajo Nation western border is the eastern edge of Grand Canyon National Park. Therefore, I did have a connection for Catherine to the place and time that fit the information on the photographs of the rug-maker.

**THE RESULTS.** Most likely Catherine Tillotson McCord acquired this rug while on a visit to her brother during his time as superintendent at Grand Canyon National Park. This rug is special because, unlike many existing Navajo textiles, its creator is documented via McCord's photographs. Whether we have the complete story of the rug or not, the items reveal much about Catherine McCord and her life-long connection to Kappa Alpha Theta. As I mentioned at the beginning, I consider it a unique piece of Theta memorabilia with its connections to times and places and people long past. It holds a special place among the many treasures held in the Theta archive.

**WHAT I DON'T KNOW.** A good researcher also recognizes what she does not know. Without in-depth research on primary sources that are available in Arizona, I cannot identify a specific location where the rug was made or a more specific time period than between the 1920s and early 1930s. ♦

*About the author:* Noraleen Young, Alpha Chi/Purdue, is a certified archivist and a Life Loyal member; she has served Theta as project archivist for 15 years.

Catherine McCord wrote captions on the backs of the photos on the right. Top: 'I lived here in 1930; the house in the background was Bettie Locke's!' Bottom: 'Here is the old Navajo woman who washed, carded and spun the wool and then wove the rug she is holding in her hands. Her name is Tez-dez-pah and she can't speak a word of English.'



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# HOW PANHELLENIC MADE ME THE WEALTHIEST WOMAN

BY JANELLE SARNEVITZ, Λ/VERMONT

IN CELEBRATION OF ITS CENTENNIAL AND OF MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF PANHELLENIC COMMUNICATION, THE NATIONAL PANHELLENIC COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE (NPCC) SPONSORED A WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPH/ILLUSTRATION COMPETITION.

THOSE ENTERING WERE ASKED TO DESCRIBE IN WORDS OR DEPICT IN A PHOTOGRAPH OR ILLUSTRATION HOW THEIR PANHELLENIC EXPERIENCES HAVE IMPACTED THEIR LIFE, THEIR CAMPUS, AND/OR THEIR COMMUNITY

TWENTY-FOUR ARTICLES AND 22 VISUALS WERE ENTERED, REPRESENTING 34 COLLEGES/ UNIVERSITIES AND 21 SORORITIES.

**JANELLE SARNEVITZ** TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE WRITING COMPETITION. HER ESSAY REFLECTS ON THE RICH FRIENDSHIPS SHE HAS MADE THROUGH HER EXPERIENCES ON PANHELLENIC COUNCIL.

**H**ow do we accurately measure happiness? Is it according to the number of people we have loved and who love us? Is it by how many sets of letters and T-shirts we have acquired throughout our college careers? Is it by the number of dollars we make a year?

For me, happiness can most accurately be measured by the wealth I have. Not monetary wealth, but the wealth of friendships I have formed and the bonds I have created through my experiences on Panhellenic council. Because of Panhellenic council, my day is made richer through my interactions with my sisters, Panhellenic or otherwise.

How many of you have had a day where everything is going wrong? I am certain that college women have had many of those days. However, many of us have been brought back to the land of hope, possibilities, and brighter sunshine because of a Panhellenic sister. I consider myself the wealthiest woman on campus when I get stopped by or stop a woman on her way to class to say hello and thus brighten both of our days. Panhellenic has such untapped power, and it is truly incredible how impactful one's experience can be when we tap into that amazing energy.

At my university, the University of Vermont, Panhellenic council is a group of strong, passionate, and driven women who are looking to make a difference on our campus.

Panhellenic women are innovative and want to spread the widest influence for good, not only in our chapters, but also in our UVM and greater Burlington communities. We complete more hours of service and raise more dollars for philanthropic organizations than any other groups on campus. We are leading women, the role models people look toward, as we hold our members to high standards for the purposes of self-betterment. We are wealthy in that we have a family of 60 to 80 women who constantly support us. We are the wealthiest in that we have a community full of resources and women who strive to raise us up and develop our moral character.

During my final semester on Panhellenic, the women of our council were invited to attend the New England Greek Summit in Bridgewater, Mass. We stayed at my family's home and gathered around my kitchen

table enjoying one another's company and my favorite pizza. We had such a fun time at my house and at the conference learning new, exciting, and beneficial things to bring back to our communities. We spent the majority of the car ride home discussing how excited we were to implement the new and innovative ideas. Personally, I gained a wealth of knowledge; I learned and saw how close our council had become and how much more wealth we had collectively acquired.

I believe it is accurate to measure happiness through one's involvement in Panhellenic.

Personally, I became a wealthier woman with the amount of new knowledge I gained, the friendships I made, and the number of times I smiled and giggled. My experience on Panhellenic is an accurate measure of my happiness.

I hope that the undergraduate members of our women's fraternities continue to serve, to the best of their ability, their college community and the communities they will continue to influence. I hope that they continue to further fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities. I hope these women continue to develop character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. My hope is if these women strive to live by these tenets and to further develop themselves as I have strived to do, the positive influence and happiness that Panhellenic has afforded me will become an accurate measure of wealth and thus happiness for them as well.

I will leave you with this quote from Nelson Mandela, "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." Panhellenic has the opportunity to make all of us wealthier women if we dedicate ourselves to the betterment of our sisters, our community, and ourselves. I encourage anyone and everyone to get involved, make a difference, and spread Panhellenic love. ♦

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JANELLE SARNEVITZ, Λ/  
VERMONT (below), and her big  
sister, TAYLOR JONES.

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**A/DEPAUW**

Mary Walton Bichler; 1945, 2014  
Susan Chase Koerner; 1993, 2014  
Barbara Coppes McNett; 1955, 2014  
Virginia Bundy Neier; 1943, 2014

**B/INDIANA**

Shelby Cooper Gluff; 1967, 2014  
Lois Ojala Jenkins; 1962, 2013

**Δ/ILLINOIS**

Mary Burke Baggott; 1937, 2014

**H/MICHIGAN**

Bernadette Schildberg Youngblood; 1952, 2014

**K/KANSAS**

Jody Anderson; 1953, 2014  
Nancy Teichgraber Davis; 1942, 2014  
Edith Malott La Bonte; 1947, 2014  
Sarilou Smart Pace; 1939, 2014

**Λ/VERMONT**

Patricia Fowell Pratt; 1941, 2014

**ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN**

Priscilla Smith Olton; 1942, 2014  
Ruth Evans Swift; 1945, 2014

**M/ALLEGHENY**

Martha Nicklas Hause; 1934, 2014

**Ξ/WESLEYAN**

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**O/USC**

Marilyn Quaintance Fomon; 1943, 2014  
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Barbara Brown; 1950, 2014  
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Jane Nethercut Varnum; 1947, 2013

**ΑΓ/OHIO STATE**

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Carol Stevens Doyle; 1951, 2014  
Beverly Manos Pelton; 1960, 2014  
Wanda May Ray; 1941, 2014  
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**ΑΘ/TEXAS**

Elizabeth McCelvey Day; 1945, 2014  
Dorothy Bowden Hallman; 1946, 2013  
Jean Hedrick Huff; 1947, 2012  
Rosalie Meek King; 1946, 2014  
Jane Duls Meadows; 1939, 2014  
Shirley Klindworth Singleton; 1956, 2014  
Mary Jane Winzer Smith; 1945, 2014  
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**ΑΛ/WASHINGTON**

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**AM/MISSOURI**

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**ΑΝ/MONTANA**

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Florence Adams Showell; 1945, 2014

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Helen Johnston Lee; 1954, 2014

**ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA**

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Judith Bury Grady; 1954, 2013  
Susan Coffin Johnson; 1960, 2014

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Corinne Reifers MacDonald; 1939, 2014

**ΑΨ/LAWRENCE**

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Harriet Darley Damisch; 1946, 2014  
Barbara Smith Ferris; 1951, 2014  
Jeanne Doyle Garrett; 1949, 2013  
Suzanne Demoure Korsgard; 1950, 2014

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Julie Robertson Leverett; 1968, 2014  
Jeannette Joulilian Sias; 1952, 2014  
Margaret J. Swank; 1939, 2014

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**ΒΟ/IOWA**

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**ΒΨ/MCGILL**

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**ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE**

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**ΓΔ/GEORGIA**

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Gloria Kicklighter Warren; 1945, 2014

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**ΓΘ/CARNEGIE MELLON**

Arlene Devereaux O'Hara; 1962, 2014

**ΓΙ/KENTUCKY**

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Martha Allen Pickens; 1947, 2014

**ΓΟ/NEW MEXICO**

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**ΓΠ/IOWA STATE**

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Judy Hansen Klinger; 1963, 2014  
Ann Baur Larson; 1956, 2014  
Lee McFarland Murray; 1950, 2014  
Florence Hahn Steen; 1949, 2014  
Kay Kastien Wyburn; 1963, 2012

**ΓΡ/UC SANTA BARBARA**

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Tracy A. Egan; 1980, 2014  
Margaret Geary Hoff; 1975, 2014

**ΓΤ/TULSA**

Elaine Schaefer Aston; 1960, 2014  
Julie Levengood Phillips; 1960, 2014

**ΓΥ/MIAMI**

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**ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**

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Tricia Jo Tompkins; 1993, 2013

**ΓΧ/FRESNO STATE**

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Lois Riggins Stevens; 1953, 2014

**ΔΖ/EMORY**

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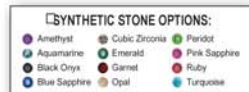
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LOUISE ROOT BEARSS, ΔΘ/FLORIDA (SEE PAGE 5)

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LAURA WARE DOERRE, ΔΞ/NORTH CAROLINA (SEE PAGE 25)

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My Theta sisters are accomplished women on campus academically, athletically and extracurricularly, and it is a joy to traverse my college years with them. They’re both role models and friends; people with whom I share important life advice and lattes (often at the same time).

ALEXANDRA DAMISH, ΑΨ/LAWRENCE (SEE PAGE 12)

For me, Theta is more than a sorority. It is a family. It welcomes with open arms a diverse group of leading women, all with different belief systems and future aspirations. I am at my best when I’m surrounded by sisters.

ANNIE HORNUNG, ΗΣ/CHAPMAN (SEE PAGE 14)